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# GERARD DEFIED GERMAN COERCION WITH THREAT

# LBOAT BAGS SHIP FROM PORT HERE

Netherlee, Out From Philadelphia, 85th Victim of New Undersea War

CREW SAID TO BE BRITISH

Total Tonnage of Vessels Sent Down Reaches More Than 180,000

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The British steam ip Netherlee, 4227 tone, has been sunk the barred zone by a German submarine he Netherice sailed from Philadelphia on anuary 21 for Dunklick.

The Netherice was the eighty-fifth ship ted sunk in the danger zone around he Bryish Isles since Germany's subsarine war went into effect on February 1. The total connage of the eighty-five ships more than 182,000.

Thomas W. Porter, British Consul at Philadelphia, said the crew of the Netherles, umbering thirty-neven men, had been hipped at London pror to the vessel's toyage to Philadelphia. They had not been changed during their stay at this port, and o far as the consul was aware, there were no Americana in the crew.

The Netherlee cleared from Philadelphia with a cargo of general merchandise on January 21. She was bound for Dunkirk. ind her local agents are Furness, Within & The vessel was a steel screw stenmup of 4227 tons, registered at Glasgow and the property of the Netherton Shipping Company, Ltd. She was built in 1907 at Newcastle, England. Her deck measurements were 360 feet length, forty-eight feet breadth, with a depth of twenty-eight feet she was under command of J. Harris.

#### G. A. R. BACKS PRESIDENT

Post 2 Pledges to Support His Efforts to Defend American Flag

Support of President Wilson in any ac on he may take to defend the American ag was pledged yesterday at a meeting f Post No. 2, G. A. R., at its headquarters, welfth street above Wallace.

Following several addresses dealing with the present crisis a resolution was unani-mously adopted commending the action of the President in breaking off diplomatic relations and pointing out that a grave peril confronted the nation.

The resolution concluded with the state-

ment that members of the post would sup-port any action to protect the flag and the rights of every American citizen no matter where he may be.

SUGAR SHORTAGE

**REAL, SAYS GROCER** 

Chain Store Official Urges

Housewives to Buy

Only for Needs

RELIEF EXPECTED TODAY

Heads of chain stores and officials of

lessie grocery companies agreed today

# WELCOME PARADE FOR CITY GUNNERS

Pageant Celebrates Return of Second Artillery From Border

#### Parade Route

ESCORTED by the First Regiment, N. G. P.; Third Regiment, N. G. P.; State Fencibles' Battalion, G. A. R. detachment and Spanish-Ameri-can War Veterans, the Second Penn-sylvania Artillery left Broad and Callowhill streets shortly before 2

The parade marched south in Broad street to Fitzwater street and countermarched back to Broad and Huntingdon streets. Escorting commands were dismissed and Second Artillery were guests of the city at banquet served in the Second Ar tillery Armory, Broad street and Susquehanna avenue.

Official parade reviewing stand opposite Second Artillery Armory.

Philadelphia welcomed the Second Regiment this afternoon in a way befitting the thousand stordy broazed warriors back from the border.

With thousands lining Broad street and with the holiday spirit animusing the friends and relatives miniming against the ropes, the thousand old men and officer swung into a mighty parade that college previous marries of the other Philadelphi regiments and pounded their way down through the thoroughfare with their ommous gume lumbering alongside.

There were a thousand and more horm to lengthen the procession; there were the cannon, with their muzzles looking as though they might blow Billy Penn from his position on top the City Hall tower there were detachments from the First and Third Regiments and other military organi gations, and there were the boys of the Sec and itself, clean-cut and brawny and representative of Philadelphia manhood in their drab office-gray military coats wrapped around them to protect them from the cold wind that stung their faces.

Just before the parade started a coupof mules-not the army kind-started to run away from in front of Hahnemann College and caused considerable excitement before they were caught. No damage was

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# MENACE TO AMERICANS CAUSE FOR WAR, ENVOY TOLD BERLIN, IN REFUSING SHIPS NEGOTIATIONS

COUNCILMEN IN COLUMN "Will Sit Here Until Kingdom Come," He Told Officials, "Unless Safety is Guaranteed" Fellow Countrymen-Party Reaches Switzerland

> Teutons Attempted to Obtain Warrant That Interned Ships Would Not Be Seized and Germans Here Not Interned-Kaiser Holds U-Boat Conference at War Headquarters

#### By CARL W. ACKERMAN

BERNE, Feb. 12.-The German Government intends to delay departure of Americans now in Berlin in order to have such citizens in hand for retaliatory measures in case America declares war and interns German citizens in the United States.

Permission for Americans eventually to depart was obtained only by the strong stand of American Ambassador Gerard.

From neutral soil today it is possible to reveal the pressure which the German Government brought powerfully to bear on the American Ambassador to force him into signing a treaty which would practically guarantee the safety of German ships in American waters. Gerard persistently refused. He declined even to communicate such proposals to Washington unless he was granted freedom of confidential communication.

#### NEWSPAPER MEN FOLLOW GERARD

Then the American newspaper correspondents ascertained that they were likely to be held hostages in Germany for America's guaranteeing of the German ships' safety. They were finally granted permission to leave with Gerard on the special train, but received their passports four hours before the time set for the departure.

"I told Count Montgelas," Gerard said today describing his interview with the German Foreign Office attache who put up to him the practical "ultimatum" as to his signing a treaty, "that I'd sit there until kingdom come and not leave until all Americans were permitted free exit."

After this the Berlin officials granted passports to those desiring

A large number of Americans still remain in Berlin and are anxious to leave, but the indications when the Gerard party left vere that they would be delayed days and even weeks. The Berlin Government, fearing that America may declare war, apparently desires to have a few Americans within Germany on which retaliatory measures might be exacted in case Germans in America are in-

Meanwhile the Foreign Office is striving to keep America out of hostilities and is only lukewarm in its support of the statesmen in He is expected to come to Washington soon to succeed Charge d'Affaires De Negri.

The general feelings of the Americans left in Berlin was expressed by the young son of Davison Maddy, "If I ever get my feet on American soil again I'll never take them off."

Gerard appeared worn out today, not only from the journey from Berlia, but from the strain of the past events. He was warmly received by representatives of the Swiss Government and the Allies. Gerard plans to remain here for a few days and will then journey to Paris, from there going to Spain for the voyage to America. In the meantime he is communicating all details of the past week to Washington by code dispatches.

These messages carried details of Germany's threat to hold American newspaper correspondents as hostages unless the American Ambassador would sign a treaty virtually guaranteeing that German ships now in American harbors would be permitted to leave. German officials delivered an ultimatum to this effect on Monday through Count Montgelas, chief of the American division of the

#### GERARD REFUSED TO NEGOTIATE

Responding, Gerard refused to negotiate or officially deal with Germany in any way, declaring he had been ordered to leave Berlin and that such orders terminated his diplomatic authority. Gerard plainly told Count Montgelas that if Americans were forced to remain in Germany the United States would regard

It is now possible to tell from this neutral point the full circumstances connected with Count Montgelas's conference with Gerard. It was on Monday that he first broached the subject of a treaty to be

signed by the American Ambassador. Gerard promptly refused. Then Montgelas warned him if Germany's proposal was not accepted it would be difficult for Americans to leave Berlin. Gerard continued firm in

his refusal. On the Wednesday succeeding this Monday conference, the passports of American correspondents were taken up by the Foreign Office, ostensibly for a vise, in order that they might accompany Gerard on the special train to be provided by the German Government for the American diplomat and his staff.

After his first talk with Gerard, Count Montgelas returned again to the embassy and continued to urge the signing of a treaty, with the result of Gerard's persistent refusal.

Germany was suffering greatly from the British starvation blockade, the all will be placed on the roster. nation apparently as far from starvation now. Every German official, they declared, apparently was resolved to continue the policy of unlimited submarinings, come what may.

The American Ambassador and nearly 200 other Americans, including his embassy staff, American consular officials and other American citizens, arrived at Zurich last night. They had intended remaining in that city for a few days, but on learning that the American Minister to Switzerland, Pleasant A. Stovall. had reserved accommodations at Berne, they left the special train furnished by the German Government and took an ordinary train for Berne, arriving there early today. The Swiss Government accorded all possible honors to the recalled envoy, sending military escort.

(Judging from the foregoing dispatch and other messages from Carl W.

# EXTRA

#### CHINA BREAKS WITH GERMANY ON RUTHLESS U-BOAT WAR

LONDON, Feb. 12.-China has broken off diplomatic relations with Germany, it was authoritatively reported here this afternoon. The action was taken following the lead set by the United States against Germany's new ruthless U-boat policy.

#### BRITISH STEAMSHIP LYCIA SUNK

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The British steamship Lycia has been sunk, according to a statement issued here today.

#### U. S. TO ARM GULF TUGBOATS

GALVESTON, Tex., Feb. 12.-Arrangements have been made by the Government for arming all sea-going tugboats at Galveston and other gulf ports and using them for const defense, according to reports in authoritative circles here today . Naval men said that a sufficient supply of six and three pound guns and ammunition for nch a purchase is available here.

#### LA FOLLETTE MOVES TO BLOCK ARMING OF SHIPS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin, Republican, offered a joint resolution today to make unlawful the arming of American merchant ships while the United States is not at war. La Follette asked that the resplution lie on the table to be called up later for consideration.

#### SIXTH PENNSYLVANIA INFANTRY LEAVES BORDER

The Sixth Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry, from this city, left the border for home today, according to word received here from El Paso, Tex. Colonel James M. Arrasmith, of the regular army, is accompanying the troops as mustering-out officer. The headquarters of this regiment in Philadelphia is the armory at Fortyfirst and Mantun streets.

#### BRITISH FIRE ON NEUTRAL SHIP, SAYS BERLIN

BERLIN, Feb. 12,-"Christianla reports the Norwegian steamship Sortland was fired at by two British torpedoboats while within Norwegian waters," declared a press bureau statement today.

#### CARRANZA NAMES GOMILLAS AS U. S. ENVOY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12. Ignacio Comillas, Mexican member of the recent joint commission, has been appointed by First Chief Carranza as Ambassador to the war, but the military party long ago prepared for American the United States, it was featned here togay. Comittas is now at Paint Beach. who has been handling Mexican affairs since Eliseo Arredondo returned to Mexico.

#### COMMONS ASKED FOR NEW \$2,750,000,000 WAR CREDITS

LONDON, Feb. 12. Two votes of credit aggregating \$2,750,000,000 were introduced in Commons today. One for \$1,000,000,000 was to cover the cost of the stealing. He sold a builded for \$250 to war until March 31, the end of the current fiscal year; the other was to start the next fiscal year. The credits were moved by Chancellor A. Bonar Law. Financial affairs will be considered by Commons for the next three days.

#### WASHINGTON, Feb. 12. The United States will not take sides in the political situation in Greece until after the war, the State Department made it known

today. This action was taken in answer to hundreds of telegrams from Greeks

U. S. HANDS OFF IN GREECE'S INTERNAL DISPUTE

#### COAL FAMINE IN DENMARK GROWING ACUTE

COPENHAGEN, Fetc 12. The coal famine in Denmark is becoming acute Transportation and industries are seriously affected. It is hoped to secure fuel from Spitzbergen, by way of Norway and Sweden, when spring comes.

urging that the Government of Venizelos be recognized.

### PRESIDENT WILSON CANCELS ENGAGEMENTS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12. President Wilson will avoid public gatherings of all kinds for the present. He will make no speeches and attend no large social or business meetings. He canceled an engagement to speak tonight before the Parkview Citizens' Association here. He's not giving up his golf, however, and devoted some time to the links with Mrs. Wilson.

### PLENTY OF FROZEN BEEF IN U. S., OFFICIALS SAY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—There was an increase of 24.8 per cent frozen beef hand in this country on February 1 as compared with the previous month, cording to a report issued today by the Department of Agriculture. On February cured beef reports showed an increase of 56.3 per cent over the previous month Cold-storage holdings of eggs fell off 67.9 per cent during January as compared with the same period a year ago.

#### 2200 PHYSICIANS SEEK TO JOIN ARMY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12. More than 2200 physicians all over the United States have applied for enrollment in the Medical Officers' Reserve Corps of the army since the diplomatic break with Germany, the War Department announced today. Americans with the diplomatic and consular party declared that while It is planned to have only perfunctory examination requirements, and probably

#### WOMEN, TO LEAD PACIFIST DEMONSTRATION

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—One hundred delegates of the Emergency Peace Federation, led by Mrs. Henry Villard, left early today on a special train for Washington where they will lead a Lincoln's Birthday pacifist demonstration, which will repre sent, they assert, more than 2,000,000 American citizens.

#### U. S. MOBILIZES WARSHIPS AT DANISH ISLES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The Navy Department has ordered the mobilization of a heavy squadron of battleships in the waters of the Danish West Indies as a precautionary measure in event of war. These islands, recently acquired by treaty re the best strategic base in the western Atlantic. They completely constern entrance of the Panama Canal.

# PROSECUTE COPS, SAY VICTIM'S KIN

Friends Also Approve Murder Charge After Young Fugitive Is Killed

BORE GOOD REPUTATION



ARTHUR KIPPAX AND HIS DOG Only last week the Roxborough lad who was killed while trying to clude two policemen sold his blooded bulldog "Yodler" for \$250.

Declaration by Coroner Knight that an eccusation of murder will be entered against Policemen Schottmiller and O'Connor, of Roxhorough station, who shot and killed seventeen-year-old Arthur Kippax is inlorsed by relatives and neighbors of the outhful victim of the policemen's revolvers.

No order of suspension or other official action by the police department will be taken against Policemen Schottmiller and O'Connor until a careful and thorough inestigation can be made by police officials, according to an announcement made this James Robinson. This investigation will be begun immediately, he said. Director of Public Safety William H. Wilson refused to comment on the case before receiving a report from Superintendent Roldmon

Both policemen were held without ball, to await the action of the Coroner, by Magistrate Beaton in Central Police Court today. Both men admitted they had fired at the fleeing boy after he had refused to obey their order to hait.

Kippax left the home of his uncle, Albert Kippax, 4211 Pechin street, last night, ontensibly to attend evening service at Central Methodist Episcopal Church, Roxborsugh. His relatives knew nothing of his uent actions until informed that he and one of his companions had been shot in flight after attempting to rob a candy store at Manayunk avenue and Congress street. The boy's father, Edward Kippax, is in Shreveport, La. He is an expert acountant, employed by E. W. Clark & Co., 321 Chestnut street. Since his deparjure the family had removed to the home of Joseph Kippax, the youth's grandfather, at 4116 Pechin street.

NEEDED NO MONEY

According to his mother, Arthur was in no need of money and had no motive for Andrew Newton, 5737 Torresdale avenue, and received the cash last week. This money was all his, Mrs. Kippax declares, and if her son was inside the candy store last night it was with no intent to rob, and his visit was only a boytsh prank.

Arthur, according to his mother and others acquainted with his habits, was an exemplary youth. He never smoked and he attended Northeast High School until a short time ago. He was an amateur base. ball player and last summer spent some time on the farm of Ben Houser, a ford mer member of the Athletics, in Maine. He also played on the Roxborough ning.

The Kippax family does not care to censure the police at this time because it is unacquainted with full details of the shoot-

"I do Unik it was unnecessary for the policemen to use their revolvers when the

Kippax today.

The Coroner said he would hold the bins coats without ball for nurder, just as he would hold any one clse. He said there was no question that many members of the Po-

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MYSTERIOUS FIRE ON SHIP: ONE DEAD, ONE DYING

Holland-American Liner Noordam, et Dock in New York Harber, Scene of Peculiar Blaze

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Sire of a mysterious origin was discovered in the Holiand-America liner Noordam here today. Six men were entrapped in the coal hunders. One man was killed and another is dying. Four others were revived by use of the pulmotor. The smoke which pourse from the holds of the ship prevented reactiontil firemen had arrived with smoke hel

The Noordam is docked at a pier adjacent to those where a number of Ga

New Cramp Ship Goes to New Yor The Santa Rosa, built by the Will Cramp & Sons' Ship and Engine But Company, today sailed for New York of the command of Captain Tilton. The S Rosa left with the tide this morning, will be delivered to her owners, Willi-Grace & Co. of New York. The

#### hat Philadelphia is confronted by the most dous augar shortage in the city's his-They stated that this condition had been ught about by the closing of the three of refiners here by strike and by the un-

sedented demand of householders on the ast-dwindling supplies in warehouses. Many of the chain stores are entirely out of sugar, and others have only small supplies, coming from New York. Two of the refineries here are sending out sugar which they had stored in their warehouses prior to the strike, but in not sufficient quantities

to relieve the famine. "Some of our stores," said an official of he Childs' Company, "have no sugar at all oday, and in others the supply is low. We ave been getting a little sugar at the Franklin Refinery, but not enough to meet ur demands."

"It is true that the situation has been gravated by the stampede of housewives by more than they need. Today we are more than they need. Today we are ng purchases."

Mr. Moffitt, of the Acme Tea Company,

We are getting a little sugar from the torehouses of the refineries, but not such. When the strike started we sussected there would be a shortage, and placed orders in New York. Most of he sugar on sale in our stores today is New York sugar. Of course, the freight facilities be-leven Philadelphia and New York are

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### THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity-Fair, toand Tuesday; continued cold toht, with lowest temperature near zero; schat warmer Tuesday; moderate winds becoming variable

DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHESTNUT STREET

# GEN. J. A. MATHER, JR., VICTIM OF PNEUMONIA

Was Veteran of Spanish-American War and Officer in Jersey National Guard



GENERAL JOHN A. MATHER, JR. Former member of city Councils and once president of the City Plan Commission, who died today at his

home in Camden.

General John A. Mather, Jr., Efty-two years old, brigadier general on the reserve list of the New Jersey National Guard. under whose command Governor Walter E. Edge, of New Jersey, and other prominent men served, died of pneumonia today at the Robeson Hotel, Second and Penn streets, Camden. He was known in mil tary circles as a strict disciplinarian and one who could read men at aight. ills success in the New Jersey National Guard, friends said today, was due to his quiet demeanor. He served during the Spanish-American four and was promoted to the

post of brigadier general in 1913. Some of the men who at one time served under General Mather, were Governor Edge, Nelson B. Gaskill, former Assistant Attorney General of New Jersey, Ralph W. E. Donges, president of the Public Utilities Commission of New Jersey W. H. Chew, of the State Board of Health of New Jersey; John G. Horner, former Judge of the Court of Common Pieus of New Jersey, and former City Clerk Harry Kramer, of and former City Clerk Harry Kramer, of

Camden.

General Mather served two terms as a member of Councils in Camden and was president of the Ctry Plan Commission. He was president of the firm of Boddy & water. 5.02 s.m. High water, 5.15 p.m. TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR.

10 111 121 1 2 3 4 4 5 6 6 6 cm. He is survived by a widow and one son. No arrangements have yet been made for the funeral.